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What's New in this Update:

This release incorporates the important and far-reaching Supreme Court of Canada decision in *R. v. Boudreault*, 2018 SCC 58, heard together with several other appeals (*Tinker*, *Judge*, *Bondoc* and *Mead*; *Eckstein*; and *Larocque*). The court invalidated s. 737 of the *Criminal Code* because it violated s. 12 of the Charter. Effective from the judgment date: December 14, 2018, there is no longer a mandatory victim fine surcharge on every criminal offence in Canada.

The offence grid has been replaced to remove the column for s. 737, to avoid inadvertent reliance on this unconstitutional provision.

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Old case summaries may contain references to victim fine surcharges, so this aspect of those cases should be disregarded for future use.

The authors maintain and update the offence grid at the back of the text (and in the *Martin's Annual Criminal Code*) on an ongoing basis. Perceptive readers who note any errors in the grid are invited to send any comments or suggestions for corrections to our editor, Chung-Min Kim, at chung-min.kim@thomsonreuters.com.